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FINAL TABERNACLE MEETINGS SUNDAY

Nearly 1500 People Crowd Building Both Morning and Evening.

CONVERSIONS NUMBER 900

Many Meetings and Much Earnestness During Four Weeks Campaign of Evangelist.

Sunday evening, with thirteen hundred people occupying every spare seat in the tabernacle and between one and two hundred crowding the aisles and doorways the final services in the evangelistic campaign were held as a climax to the greatest religious expression that the people of Alma have ever made. For the past month meetings have been held every evening, every afternoon and sometimes in the morning and with the exception of the afternoon meetings, which were held for special classes of hearers, e. g., old men or aged women, primary children, or business, etc., at which the audiences never numbered less than five hundred, the attendance of the meetings has never gone below one thousand, while an average would be between eleven and twelve hundred.

Between nine hundred and one thousand men, women and children have "gone forward" and shaken Evangelist Loose's hand in public acknowledgment that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour while several thousand more have been influenced very strongly by his talks and sermons. The work of the director of music, Mr. Haldor Lillenas, has been very much appreciated by the various audiences. He has held intact for four weeks a choir of one hundred and fifty voices and has directed the music of the meetings most capably. At various meetings he has sung solos which have been appreciated very much by everyone.

One of the most effective meetings of the whole campaign was that one which was held last Sunday evening. The subject of the sermon was "Hell." His handling of this difficult subject was very masterful and made a strong impression on the audience. Following a solo by the choir leader, Mr. Lillenas, the call for converts was made and before the meeting closed nearly one hundred had "gone forward." The conversions were sincere and made with little persuasion and no undue influence.

Three free will offerings were taken Sunday. The entire proceeds were given to Evangelist Loose according to the agreement under which he came to Alma. He came with the understanding that he was to receive no stipulated amount but would rely upon the generosity of the people for a payment in return for his services. In the morning the offering amounted to \$296; in the afternoon to \$104 and in the evening to approximately \$75. Should any money remain after all expenses are paid from the collection which was taken a week ago Sunday and which amounted to over a thousand dollars, it will be given to Mr. Loose as a present from Alma people.

Just before the sermon was delivered Sunday evening a resolution highly commending the work of Mr. Loose, which had been sent by the students of the college was read by the chairman of the executive committee, Rev. W. H. Mason. Following the presentation of this resolution Mr. Loose thanked the audience for the splendid support which he has been given by the people of Alma, saying that the results of the campaign had more than come up to his expectations.

Rev. Mason, Rev. Brownlow and Rev. Priest announced that services would be held in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week to meet the new converts and hold prayer meetings with them. Similar meetings will be held in the Church of Christ also. It is expected that a large number of the converts will join the various churches on the coming Sundays and the ministers are making great efforts to have the converts come to a full realization of the steps they have taken so far.

Monday afternoon the tabernacle was auctioned off to the highest bidder and it must be removed from the grounds within ten days. The ground on which it has been situated was given rent free by Mr. Frank Pollasky to the executive committee of the campaign. The gas, gas light fixtures and work of fitting up the fixtures were donated by the Gratiot County Gas company, while the banners, football blankets, etc., were contributed for the meetings by students of the college and the college athletic association.

The revival campaign held during the month of March, 1915, will not be forgotten by the majority of Alma people for a long time and by many they will never be forgotten.

50-YEAR-OLD CAUCUS NOTICE

Michael Pollasky has in his possession a caucus notice which was made by him just a few days over fifty years ago, during the last year of the Civil War. At that time the former Alma merchant was township clerk and Alma was little more than a trading station. The notice was written on ordinary tablet paper and dated March 3rd. The ink and paper are badly faded though the writing is still quite plain. The text of the curious old notice is as follows:

Election Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the next annual meeting will be held in the township of Arcadia at John Glover's residence on the first Monday of April next to elect one Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and three Regents of the university. Given under my hand at Alma this 3rd day of March, 1865. M. Pollasky, Township Clerk.

ADD TWO CAPABLE MEN TO ALMA RECORD FORCE

C. M. Newton of Middleton to be Advertising Manager and Wayne Brown Foreman.

Charles Newton, a newspaper and job printer of years' experience, has joined The Record force and will have charge of the outside work.

G. Wayne Brown, who some years ago ran The Acorn Job office in this city and who for the past two years has been connected with a big job office in Philadelphia, returned home last Monday and will have charge of the mechanical department of The Record. He is an excellent job printer, having had an experience very few have had. His ability, together with new types and presses, The Record now takes its place with the best-equipped job offices in the state. There will be no occasion for our business men to send out of town for their printing as they have a city shop at home, where as good work at a reasonable price can be done as in any shop in the state.

FACTS ABOUT COLLEGE SHOWN IN REPORT

The annual report of the condition of the college made by Secretary Cook to the General Education Board of New York reveals some interesting facts about the college. The report places the endowment at \$400,812.26, the value of other property at \$500.00 and the value of the plant, i. e., the buildings, ground, etc., at \$206,896.18, making a total valuation of the college and properties at \$608,208.44.

The income during the past year from sources not of endowment by nature was \$40,222.64. The music department of the college showed a loss of about three hundred dollars, while the cost of running the regular college department which includes the salaries of professors, etc., amounted to \$39,998.16. The amount of money which would have been received had every student paid his or her tuition in cash would be \$5484.08. The amount actually received was \$4,139.52; \$1,946.76 was the amount secured from scholarships which helped to pay the tuitions of some of the students.

The addition to the working capital of the college made during the past year amounted to \$5,916.55 which was all applied to the increase of the endowment. The amount of the indebtedness incurred during the past year was between nine and ten thousand dollars.

On the teaching staff of the college are eleven women teachers and fourteen men, totaling twenty-five. The total number of students who have been in attendance for the past ten years is twelve hundred thirty-eight.

SUFFERS PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. L. C. Wright was thrown and severely injured by boys roller skating on Gratiot avenue and is only slowly recovering from her bad shakeup. She was returning to her home from shopping and, seeing the boys coming along two abreast, swinging suit cases in their hands, she got off the walk to let them get by. But despite the precautions which she took she was struck very hard by one of the swinging suit cases and thrown violently. Her nose, eyes and lips were cut and bruised and several of her teeth were knocked out or broken.

Fast roller skating on the principal streets where numerous people are always walking is getting to be a decided nuisance and unless the youngsters discontinue their fast skating of their own accord some drastic action should be taken immediately.

BILLS AGAINST TABERNACLE

Please present all bills against the tabernacle to L. A. Sharp immediately and get paid for same or forever hold your peace. L. A. Sharp. —Adv. 1881t1

ALMA HORSE SHOW WAS BIG SUCCESS

Held Under Auspices of Alma Horse Association Saturday Afternoon

BIGGEST CROWD OF SEASON

Fine Weather Favors Annual Event of the Breeders and Horse Lovers of County.

Though there were not quite as many horses entered as there have been in previous years the Horse Show of the Alma Horse Association held Saturday afternoon on the streets of the city was the best and most successful that the county has ever seen. Some of the finest horses in Central Michigan were entered and in the parade made a most pleasing spectacle.

At two o'clock sharp the parade started from John Schick's feed barn and proceeded west to Park avenue. From there it turned back to State street and went one block south again turning around and proceeding back down Superior street to the feed barn. The parade was headed by the Mt. Pleasant Indian band which kept the spirits of the crowd and of the horses at high pitch. Balmey spring weather favored the Show and farmers from all over the county were on hand to see the horses. The streets were jammed with people, the Horse Show drawing nearly as many people as a circus would. No accident marred the event and everything progressed exactly according to plans.

Dr. Robert McNabb was manager of the parade having been elected president of the association at the annual meeting held February 17th, 1915. The other officers elected at this meeting were G. A. Brown, treasurer and J. D. Helman secretary. E. J. Ross and Henry McNamara were lieutenants of the parade.

The men, their place of residence and number of entries is given: Dell Pollman, Arcadia, 4 horses. T. Grant & Son, Seville, 4 horses. Oscar Wolf, Emerson, 2 horses. A. E. Barnes, Ithaca, 2 horses. C. Young, Newark, 2 horses. Peter McAchins, Ithaca, 2 horses. D. Chisholm, Breckenridge, 2 horses. T. Crum, Seville, 2 horses. Henry McNamara, Arcadia, 8 horses. Glen Pompey, Bethany, 2 horses. A. H. Limecott, Emerson, 4 horses. Geo. Kuhlman, Arcadia, 4 horses. Fred Pollman, Arcadia, 1 horse. Alf. Leitwiler, Newark, 2 horses. Harry Edwards, Bethany, 2 horses. Fred Durkee, Arcadia, 2 horses. John Sinacy, Pine River, 2 horses. John Chase, Seville, 2 horses. Earl Leitwiler, Newark, 1 horse. E. Ludwick, Seville, 2 horses. Homer Ludwick, Seville, 2 horses. Wm. Carbin, Pine River, 2 horses. Fred Burt, Pine River, 1 horse. W. S. Rearick, Pine River, 1 horse. J. A. Wilkes, Pine River, 2 horses. J. A. Wilkes, Pine River, 1 colt. John Schick, Alma, 2 stallions. Ed. Leonard, Sumner, 1 horse. Roy Caywood, Arcadia, 1 horse. Wolfe & Barnes, Bethany, 2 horses. Vern Colburn, Pine River, 1 horse. S. T. Richardson, Coe, 1 horse. Geo. Brown, Alma, 1 horse. A. S. Lutz, Pine River, 1 horse.

WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY

C. H. Smith, the popular baker, will close his bakeries in the future for the entire time on Sundays. Mr. Smith has taken a step which has never before been taken by bakers of this city and he should receive the highest credit for the step he has taken. The closing of the Smith bakeries should and undoubtedly will be followed by the Sunday closing of every similar establishment in Alma.

Though it will bring some inconvenience for a short time to some people to have the bakeries closed on Sunday, such patrons will realize that Mr. Smith and his associates are as much entitled to spend their Sundays away from their business as are the rest of the business men of Alma. Mr. Smith should receive praise, not censure, for his decision.

BIG SPRING STOCKS

Alma business men are well stocked for spring trade with as good lines as will be found in any town of its size in the state. They are entitled to the trade in this territory and surely they are striving hard to merit it. Look over their ads in The Record. See the inducements they offer and bear in mind it is an invitation for you to call and look their lines over and help maintain a good trading point, a good market, and keep Alma a progressive, hustling little city.

ROBINSON HAS BIG OPENING FRIDAY

The interior work required for the fitting up of the new stores of D. W. Robinson was completed Friday in time for his big opening in the evening. The opening in the evening was a very fine affair. An orchestra furnished delightful music while flowers were everywhere present.

The window decorations were especially good. Expensive tapestries were placed along the top of the windows in both stores while the display was very tasty. Massive bouquets of flowers were placed in the windows. Mr. Robinson is to be congratulated upon his fine new stores.

KALAMAZOO NORMAL GETS PROF. FRANK ELLSWORTH

Former Alma Superintendent Named Director of Training School at State Institution.

Prof. Frank E. Ellsworth, for the past year superintendent of the Hastings public schools, and who nine years previous to that was superintendent of the Alma schools, has accepted the position of director of the training school at Kalamazoo Normal college and next February will start in his new work. Between the close of the present school year and the opening of the second semester in 1916, Prof. Ellsworth will take work in Columbia University in New York. He will go to the Kalamazoo Normal college at a much higher salary than he has been receiving at Hastings.

The offer of this most responsible position on the part of the authorities of the state school is one of the highest compliments and most signal honors which could come to the former Alma superintendent. The school was built ten years ago and at present is considered to be one of the three best in the United States. There are 800 students attending it this year and prospect for a greatly increased attendance for the coming years.

Before graduation all students enter the training school of which Prof. Ellsworth is to be head and there take instruction for a given time. All applicants for teaching positions must be recommended by Prof. Ellsworth and no graduate can secure a position without the recommendation of the former Alma man. All superintendents and principals seeking teachers must confer with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth and daughter Ruth came to Alma Saturday and are visiting at the home of Charles G. Rhodes. He has been busy most of the time accepting the congratulations of numerous friends.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS IS HELD THURSDAY NIGHT

Party Names Candidates for Ward and City Offices at Caucuses in The City Hall.

Thursday evening the annual Democratic convention was held in the city hall with a sprinkling of Progressives on hand to cast their lot for the coming city elections at least with the Democratic party. Contests for nomination to the various city offices were not close as a rule though several ballots were taken to choose a candidate for the office of city clerk, Homer Dunham finally landing the candidacy. I. N. Brainerd, who has headed the party ticket as majority candidate on several previous occasions was chosen as this year's candidate. Chas. Murphy, candidate for the same office last year was chosen again this year as Democratic candidate for the city treasurer'ship.

The voters of each ward met in ward caucuses and the following ward tickets were chosen:

First Ward.
Supervisor—L. N. Baker.
Alderman (2 years)—A. J. Archer.
Alderman (1 year)—Peter Story.
Constable—John Gongwer.
Second Ward.
Supervisor—Ike Russell.
Alderman—Archibald Johnson.
Constable—Geo. Willard.
Third Ward.
Supervisor—John Sullivan.
Alderman—Will Beverly.
Constable—Ezra Robinson.
Fourth Ward.
Supervisor—J. D. Helman.
Alderman—Ed Lake.
Constable—Joe Henderson.

BIRD CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of the directors and members of the Alma Bird Club Monday evening at 7:30 at Mr. L. A. Sharp's office, 414 State street. Everybody is urged to be present, as this is the first spring meeting and important business is to be taken up.

THE REPUBLICANS OF ALMA NAME A STRONG CITY TICKET

Nominate Cook for Mayor, Montigel for Treasurer and Adams for Clerk, Monday Evening.

The forty delegates chosen at the four ward caucuses held Friday evening met in the City Hall Monday evening and chose their city ticket. The present Mayor, Albert P. Cook, was renominated with no great opposition and the rest of the nominations were made with no contests in any case. The clerkship went to the present incumbent of the office, D. W. Adams, by acclamation as did the nomination of treasurer to the former mayor, J. M. Montigel. Henry Sandell was given the nomination to the office of Justice of Peace for the four-year term without the semblance of a contest.

The meeting was called to order by John Knoetzer who read to the assembled delegates the official call of the convention. Hira C. Moore was elected temporary chairman and Charles O. Ward temporary secretary. The chairman appointed James L. Kress who had been appointed by the chairman of the Third ward delegation to fill the vacancy in the ward delegation caused by the sickness of Carl Washburn and A. J. Archer to be tellers. Carrying out a motion to that effect the chairman appointed a committee on permanent organization and order of business consisting of John Spinney, Earl Parker, J. T. Ewing, and C. H. Smith and a committee on credentials consisting of Charles Goggin, Jake Sparling, Geo. Bansill and Fred Slater.

Following a five-minute recess the committees rendered their reports, which were adopted and the convention proceeded with the principal business of the evening. Following the presentation of the name of Prof. Cook for nomination to the mayorship by Charles Ward and the name of Jesse Fuller by Charles Goggin, an informal ballot was taken in which the present mayor received twenty-one votes, Mr. Fuller thirteen while three were scattering. The nomination was then made unanimous. The rest of the nominations were made in short order with the above mentioned men receiving the nominations by acclamation.

Speechmaking was indulged in by several of those present. John Spinney suggested that the council should be authorized to purchase an adding machine for city use. A machine is greatly needed in the work of the city treasurer, board of assessors, clerk, etc. The chairman appointed the following men as members of the ward committee: First ward, J. E. Fuller; Second ward, John Glass; Third ward, Simon Messenger; Fourth ward, P. M. Smith. Simon was appointed despite violent protests on his part and he was busy the rest of the evening accepting the congratulations of his friends.

The Republicans have put a strong ticket in the field having some of the most capable men in the city as candidates for various city offices. Prof. A. P. Cook, who was given the nomi-

best liked men in Alma, the Republicans have fine candidates for the clerkship and treasurer'ship. The former has served the city since its incorporation in the capacity of clerk and has well merited the fine compliments which his faithful work has elicited. J. M. Montigel is candidate for



J. M. MONTIGEL

one of the most responsible of the city jobs, but the responsibility if it comes to him will be well placed. As mayor he sacrificed time and labor to forward the interests of the city and raised the standard of the office greatly. Henry Sandell, candidate for Justice of Peace, is a man of considerable experience along those lines, having served as township justice many years so that he is well fitted to perform the tasks entailed in the office of Justice.

The Republicans of the city held their annual ward caucuses Friday evening, the first ward in the city hall, the second in the Reading Room, the third in the vacant store building just west of the Arcade Hotel and the fourth in the Edson, Moore building. Strong ward tickets were selected in all four wards and the Republicans apparently put forward their best men in the hope of carrying all the offices on the city ticket. In each caucus a supervisor, an alderman, a constable and ten delegates to the city convention were elected. The forty delegates will meet at the city hall Monday night and select candidates for mayor, clerk and treasurerships.

The results of the caucuses are as follows:

First Ward.
Supervisor—Jesse Fuller.
Alderman (2 years)—John Knoetzer.
Alderman (1 year)—F. L. McConkey.
Constable—Oscar Vibber.
Delegates to the city convention: Charles F. Brown, chairman; A. J. Archer, D. L. Sharrar, Ezra Smith, Fred Rowland, Jesse Fuller, Will Allen, Charles Goggin, Joe Sartor, Jr., and John Spinney.
Second Ward.
Supervisor—Victor Shepherd.
Alderman—Bert Eckert.
Constable—George Willard.
Delegates to city convention: J. M. Montigel, chairman; Jothan Allen, J. G. S. Ward, Earl Parker, J. W. Glass, W. D. Strong, Harry Clark, Henry Sandell, Jake Sparling and Caris Brown.

Third Ward.
Supervisor—George Parsons.
Alderman—Charles O. Ward.
Constable—George Brown.
Delegates to city convention: Albert P. Cook, chairman; George Bansill, George Ogden, Charles Ward, Carl Washburn, Pro. J. T. Ewing, George Blesch, George Puffrey, Chris Renner and Simon Messenger.

Fourth Ward.
Supervisor—R. J. Fraker.
Alderman—Fred Slater.
Constable—Frank Bennett.
Delegates to city convention: Francis King, chairman; Fred Slater, George Sharrar, Nelson Fullerton, L. A. Sharp, R. J. Fraker, Robert Erwin, H. C. Moore, James E. Mitchell and C. H. Smith.

Looking down the list of the Republican candidates for all the ward and city offices which includes six aldermanic candidates, four supervisors and four constables we can see no logical reason for seeking other men for whom to cast a vote at the elections held next Monday. The most capable men and best-liked men in the city have been named by the Republicans and everyone of them is highly deserving of election. The city's and wards' business will be well taken care of if these men are elected to the offices for which they have been named.



MAYOR A. P. COOK

nation for the mayorship despite his early decision to withdraw from the political game because of excessive work, has been one of the most efficient and hard-working city executives Alma has ever had and has been a worthy successor to J. M. Montigel who served the city so well for two years. Mr. Cook was alderman for over six years and did fine service for Alma during his incumbency. Pursuant to the insistent demands of a great number of friends he will make the run despite his earlier announcement not to.

In D. W. Adams and J. M. Montigel, two of the most trustworthy and

William Baker, the photographer, returned Saturday from the photographers' convention which was held in Chicago and is now ready to put in operation some brand new photographic ideas which he gathered in the convention.

BUSINESS MEN AS A BOOSTERS' CLUB

Meet in City Hall Tuesday Evening and Form an Organization.

AGREE ON SUNDAY CLOSING

Many Projects of Importance to the City are to be Considered in The Near Future.

Fifty Alma business men met in the City Hall Tuesday evening and held the most helpful and enthusiastic meeting that has ever been held in Alma. It was a meeting at which the business men of this city came to a better understanding of each other and each other's views than they could have come to by any other means. Minor differences of opinions and misunderstandings were swept away with one stroke and a live spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding took their place.

The meeting was called at the suggestion of four business men who outlined the purpose under the general terms of "furthering the interests of the retail business men of Alma," which will be sufficient designation of the purposes of this organization, which will be called the Alma Business Men's Booster Club until they initiate the work which they have in mind and which will present itself as the organization is further perfected.

C. F. Brown was called to the chair and acted in the capacity of temporary chairman, while L. O. Ellison acted as temporary secretary. The officers were then elected and were as follows: President, Will W. Cushing; Secretary, D. W. Robinson; Treasurer, L. O. Ellison. Mr. Cushing took the chair and appointed the following men as a committee on Constitution and By-Laws: A. A. Chick, Otto Sanderrhoff, who will with the president confer with other cities on the subject. They will submit their report at the next meeting of the club which will be held at the call of the president. A membership committee, consisting of C. H. Smith, E. C. Clapp and Roy Miller, was then appointed.

During the meeting, which lasted over three hours, the question of early closing was discussed and everyone present agreed to the plan which was mentioned in last week's Record and which calls for the closing of stores on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. It was also decided to close all stores on Sunday. This decision, which was reached after considerable discussion, was assented to by all the business men. It is one of the best and most progressive moves which they have ever made. The question of supporting a band this summer was also discussed and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that such an organization should be encouraged and should be given financial support.

This meeting is only the first of a series which will be held in the future to complete more perfectly the organization of the Alma Business Men's Booster Club. It will embark upon several projects which will bring Alma retail men in much closer touch with the large farming territory adjacent to the city and is now assured of the united support and backing of every man in Alma.

MR. HENRY OLDYS

Lecturer, Writer, Bird Musician

Mr. Oldys is known to ornithologists, bird protectionists, and the general public through his lectures throughout the United States, his articles in Harper's, The Atlantic, The Independent, Lippincott's, The Auk, and other magazines, and his active efforts, official and unofficial, in behalf of the protection and preservation of birds and game.

Mr. Oldys will lecture in the Alma High School auditorium April 14, under the auspices of the Alma Bird Club.

Admission, 15 cents and 10 cents. Mr. L. O. Howard, the permanent secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Entomologist of the U. S. department, says: "Mr. Oldys's thorough acquaintance with birds, his intimate knowledge of music, his ability to render the bird notes, his analysis of the whole subject, and his ingenuity and originality of treatment combined to make the lecture quite the most interesting and suggestive one that I have heard for years."

Every person in Alma and vicinity who is interested in birds should by all means hear this lecture. If you are not interested that is the greater reason for hearing it. This lecture will both entertain and instruct. It is the very best on this subject in the country. Remember the date—April 14th.